



KanCare Waiver Integration

KanCare CommunityCare –Waiver Integration

The Kansas Department for Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) are asking for public input on proposed changes to home and community based services (HCBS) through the 1915(c) waiver programs: Autism, Frail Elderly (FE), Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), Physical Disabilities (PD), Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED), Technology Assisted (TA) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Kansas is looking to provide services from the individual waivers into one waiver. The waiver will have two service groups. One service group will be for children. One service group will be for adults. The waiver name will be KanCare CommunityCare.

The agencies are asking for members, families, and providers to help us as we develop these proposed changes to the program. To receive ongoing updates about waiver integration, please visit the KDADS website at www.kdads.ks.gov and click on the link to be added to the email notification system.

This Document and more information about the KanCare waiver integration project can be seen on the KanCare website at www.KanCare.KS.Gov or at on the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services website at [http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-\(hcbs\)/waiver-integration-information](http://www.kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/home-community-based-services-(hcbs)/waiver-integration-information)

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Here are some sample questions and answers regarding this project:

1. When is this change going to occur?

If the 1115 waiver amendment is approved by the federal government, changes will occur in January, 2017.

2. How will this impact my current services?

Your services will continue to be based on a person-centered plan of care.

3. Is this to save money due to state budget cuts?

No, these changes have nothing to do with state budget cuts.

4. How will this change KanCare?

Your medical services will not change. The MCOs will continue to help you with waiver services.

5. Will I need a new assessment?

No. Members will continue to have assessments when their needs change.

6. Will eligibility requirements change?

We do not plan to change how people qualify for services.

7. Will some members lose their services?

No. Members will still receive services.

8. Will I get new services?

You may, depending on your needs.

9. Will limits on services change?

Some of them might change. New services may better meet people's needs.

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10. Will there still be a waiting list?

We hope to reduce or eliminate the waiting lists.

11. Will I need to change providers?

We hope all providers will continue to provide services. We hope providers will be interested in providing new services too.

12. Will providers get paid more or less?

The state is working to set rates for providers at a single rate.

13. Will provider qualifications change?

They might for some services. It is not our intent to disrupt service providers.

14. Will self-direction of services still be an option?

Yes. We believe some of the new services will help support self-direction.

15. Why is the state looking at this change?

We believe that one waiver will:

- Support person-centered needs rather than a disability definition
- Offer more options for services
- Improve the way members move from children's service to adults' services
- Support more members in community-based services